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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE MEETS WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLADAYE, ACCOMPANIED BY
AMBASSADOR ABJIBADE, WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT OCTOBER 11
LUNCHEON OFFERED BY MR. NEWSOM AND ATTENDED BY DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERZ, IO; AID DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINIS-

TRATOR FOR AFRICA BROWN; PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA BELL; FENHAGEN, USIA/IAA; AND AGGREY. LUNCHEON WAS FOLLOWED BY WORKING SESSION IN AF WHICH ALSO INCLUDED AID REPRESENTATIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING LUNCHEON ALLADAYE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BOTH TO HERZ'S STATEMENT THAT US TOOK INTO ACCOUNT AFRICAN CONSENSUS IN ARRIVING AT A POSITION ON AFRICAN ISSUES AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT AFRICAN STATES IN DECIDING POSITIONS ON NON-AFRICAN ISSUES SUCH AS CAMBODIA AND KOREA MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PROBLEMS IN QUESTION OF OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. ALLADAYE COMMENTED BRIEFLY THAT WHILE HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE OTHER IDEAS, IT REGARDED ITSELF BOUND BY "COMMITMENTS" MADE WHEN IT SUBSCRIBED TO ALGIERS NAC RESOLUTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER NODDED UNDERSTANDINGLY WHEN NEWSOM QUESTIONED THE NEUTRALITY OF A SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN WHICH 10 OUT OF THE 18 POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WERE CRITICAL OF US POLICIES. IN RESPONDING TO BELL'S REQUEST FOR AN ESTIMATE

OF PEACE CORPS EFFECTIVENESS, ALLADAYE SAID PEACE CORPS NOT RESPONSIBILITY HIS MINISTRY BUT DAHOMEY WELCOMED ASSISTANCE FROM ALL FRIENDS. AFTER HE HAD MORE CAREFULLY REVIEWED COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FRANKLY OF THE AREAS WHERE ADDITIONAL PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE REQUESTED.

3. ALLADAYE MOST APPRECIATIVE HIS WASHINGTON WELCOME, EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND DAHOMEY. FOREIGN MINISTER EXTENDED MRGD THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE, ADDING DAHOMEY HAS ENORMOUS NEEDS, THEREFORE TURNS TO US AS "ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL FRIENDS."

4. CURRENT STATUS OF USAID PROJECTS DAHOMEY WAS DISCUSSED. FOREIGN MINISTER CONCEDED NECESSARY MRGD RESPONSES ARE OUTSTANDING ON MOST PROJECTS AND SAID CABINET ACTIVELY ATTEMPTING SPEED UP DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. SPECIFIC ITEMS INCLUDED:

A. COTONOU BRIDGE-DAM. AID WILL PARTICIPATE WITH AFDB DISCUSSIONS IN COTONOU RE FORM OF EVENTUAL FINANCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES. FINAL DESIGN STUDIES ARE MOVING ALONG AS PLANNED. FOREIGN MINISTER UNDERLINED VITAL IMPORTANCE MRGD ATTACHES TO THIS PROJECT.

B. BOHICON-PARAKOU MICROWAVE LINK: MINISTER FULLY AWARE AID'S NEED HAVE FINAL MRGD DECISION BY DECEMBER ON CHOICE OF COMPANY TO DO PROJECT.

C. PARAKOU-MALANVILLE ROAD, COTONOU ABATTOIR, AND

SMALL INVESTMENTS LOAN ALL MENTIONED BY AID WITH BRIEF
RUNDOWN CURRENT STATUS. ALLADAYE HAD NO SPECIAL OBSERVA-
TIONS CONCERNING THESE PROJECTS.

5. ALLADAYE SPOKE OF NEED FOR GRAIN STABILIZATION PRO-
GRAM, WHILE CONCEDING POINT THAT SIX SAHEL STATES SHOULD
RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY FOR SCARCE US COMMODITIES. MINIS-
TER HOPED FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING FACILITIES FOR
STORING GRAIN AS MEANS OF PROMOTING PRICE STABILIZATION
AND INCREASING STOCKS. AID SAID SOME TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
HAVE BEEN HELD UP DUE TO CRITICAL NEED IN SAHEL. RE MRGD
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY GRAIN USG REGRETTED IT HAD TO TURN
DOWN HELP AT THIS TIME DUE TO SAHEL PRIORITY BUT USG WILL
LOOK AT DAHOMEY'S PROBLEM AGAIN AFTER HARVESTS ARE
COLLECTED BOTH HERE AND IN DAHOMEY. IT APPEARS DAHOMEY
WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT GRAIN FOR NEXT EIGHT MONTHS, BUT
COULD BE SHORT IN MAY-JUNE OF 1974. NEWSOM EXPRESSED US
APPRECIATION FOR DAHOMEY'S IMPRESSIVE EFFORT TO TRANSPORT
NEEDED GRAINS FROM COTONOU TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN NORTHERN
NEIGHBORS.

6. QUESTION OF ABLERT TEVOEDJRE'S CANDIDACY FOR ILO
DIRECTOR GENERAL RAISED BY ALLADAYE. AMBASSADOR ADJIBADE
SAID HE HAD LETTER FROM OAU SECRETARY GENERAL CONFIRMING
OAU SUPPORT. MR. NEWSOM SAID WE HAVE FAVORABLE REGARD
FOR TEVOEDJRE, BUT WISH TO EXAMINE ALL CANDIDACIES AND ARE
NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANY CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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